

OPEN LETTER

backward again.

Yours truly,
THE EDITOR.

DR. CURTIS, SOUTH.

Dr. A. M. Curtis has returned from the South after an absence of several days. He was in attendance at the annual session of the Alabama Medical Association, where he delivered an oration in surgery. He also performed several major surgical operations in the new hospital just erected at Birmingham, Ala. He did surgical operations in several other Southern cities. At Athens, Ga., he removed an unusually large abdominal tumor, which several eminent surgeons of the South had refused to operate. The doctor reports that all of the operations were successful and the patients are all convalescing. Dr. Curtis is called frequently South by various doctors to perform all kinds of difficult surgical operations. He will return to the South for a week in May to perform several operations which are now being prepared by various doctors. The doctor interested several physicians in the post-graduate medical school of Howard University, and he expects many to take the course beginning on the 6th of May. Many will come knowing that Dr. Curtis is professor of clinical surgery, and they want the opportunity of receiving some practical knowledge of surgery under his direction.

The Nation's Capital is fortunate in having a surgeon with such a national reputation, and it is not only an honor



DR. A. M. CURTIS.
ELECTRIFIED THE SOUTH BY
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to this surgeon but an honor to Washington to know that they have a physician who is called eight hundred to a thousand miles from home to perform some of the most difficult surgical operations known to medical science.

In Athens, Georgia, the colored physicians were so impressed with Dr. Curtis and his work while he was in their city they have decided to start a hospital or sanitarium, where those needing surgical treatment can receive the proper care. Drs. Thompson and Harris are formulating plans for this institution, and the surgeon from the City of Magnificent Distances will open it formally for them by doing several surgical operations.

This trip was one of the most successful that the doctor has been on since his stay in Washington. As a surgeon he has won a national reputation. The operations that he performed in the South were surprises to the most eminent white surgeons in that section.

DON'T WANT NEGRO PATRONAGE.
The Washington Times, to which reference was made a few weeks ago, seemed to have passed out of the minds of the colored people. All ministers, teachers and colored citizens are requested to keep these two paragraphs in their minds:

"Washington, the capital of the nation, has a population of 335,000, of which 95,000 are colored and are disregarded in the Times calculations. What is said below, therefore, applies wholly to the white population.

"The Times has not only sought circulation among the colored people, but it has deliberately avoided it, and in its news columns has shown emphatically that it is a paper for white people."

The Rev. and Ill. A. B. Allen, M. W. N. G. Master of Masters for North America, the highest Negro Mason in the world, is getting ready to make another round of inspection of the Craft. Ill. D. F. Seville, 33, Commander of the Highest Degrees, and Supreme Patron Adolphus Rite (Compack) met with a painful accident last week.

What I Saw And Heard

The people are very much surprised at the inconsistency of the colored members of the Board of Education. A man is permitted to make charges of a serious character against certain teachers and when he is called upon to produce his proof he informs the committee that he knows nothing against the character of the teachers against whom he makes charges. The colored members vote to sustain the man who makes the charges and insults the teacher against whom there is no proof.

If the colored members of the Board of Education will not do their duty it is hoped that the white members will see to it that the offending teacher is disciplined. In the Craig case the Board of Education has been defied. I also understand that the papers of the superintendent have been tampered with, which will no doubt cause a change in the official force in the Franklin School.

I see my old friend Ex-Governor P. B. S. Pinchback in town. He is look-



DR. WILLIAM E. CHANCELLOR.
VINDICATED BY THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION.

ing well and is highly pleased with New York life.

One of the most gentlemanly teachers in the Armstrong Manual Training School is Mr. Mattingly. He has won his way by perseverance and hard study.

There are in this city many benevolent organizations which are beneficial to this community. The Young Men's Immediate Relief, the Young Men's Protective League, the Bankers, the Fred Douglass and the Crispus Attucks are great organizations. I would like to see these several organizations unite and build a large hall. The fight for delegates will soon begin. The contest promises to be a hot one.

There is a rumor afloat that a new superintendent of the colored schools is to be appointed. Just when the change is to take place I am unable to state.

The Men's Club of St. Luke's Church is composed of some of the leading men in the city. Whenever I see the old boys it reminds me of old times. My friend Bill Mayes looks just the same as ever. He grows better looking with age. Jerry Johnson holds his own, and remains a landmark of Washington. Richard Nugent has that same bland smile and affable appearance. Eugene Brooks is the old neighbor of Pierce Place.

FAIRPLAY.

SUCCESSFUL AGAIN.
The two successful candidates in the recent drawing examination, Horace G. Anderson and David V. Green, are graduates of the Armstrong Manual Training School. They specialized in drawing under the personal direction of Messrs. W. Stanton Wormley and Boynton C. Dodson, who prepared them for the recent test.

It will be remembered that Anderson led all candidates in the drawing examination last year, but failed of reapportionment through the opposition of a certain HEAD. He has again demonstrated his efficiency, as has his classmate, Green, and will probably be assigned. Dr. Bruce Evans' school may be accounted as a normal school for the training of teachers if he continues to turn out such developed talent.

GREAT WORK OF THE

COLORED Y. M. C. A.

The movement to erect in Washington, D. C., a building for the Colored Y. M. C. A. is attracting national attention, and the campaign now in progress for the necessary funds gives every assurance of a successful issue. There has been in existence here for the past three years a movement looking to this end, during which time meetings have been held every Sunday for the men of the city. One result of these meetings has been the conversion of some sixty men, a very potential fact when you consider that until this year the work has been done on rather a small scale. A small body of men initiated and have continued the work during all that time, making up in enthusiasm and determination what they lacked in numbers.

New impetus was given the work this year when it was announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the philanthropist, had become sufficiently interested in the

at headquarters will disclose to you educators and professional men working alongside of the ordinary day laborer. News of the movement here has gone broadcast, and there is hardly a day that a subscription is not received from some Washingtonian now residing elsewhere. The campaign is run on strict business principles, and at the close of each day the subscription books balance with the reports of the canvassers. Mr. John Joy Edson, one of Washington's leading financiers, gladly consented to act as treasurer of the building fund, and all checks are made payable to him. There are several unique features in connection with the work under way. For instance, a large chestnut bell in the main office is rung every time the secretary receives a \$100 subscription; a large clock in the front window gives daily information to the passerby of the total subscriptions received; and a chart in the main office gives in detail the daily reports of the two committees. Besides the leading newspapers of the city are lending their powerful support to the movement, having editorialized on it in recent issues.

Practically all of the work being done is of a voluntary character, the men of the city giving freely of their time and ability to further the movement. No sooner is the school day over than a number of young men, both teachers and pupils, flock to the headquarters in the True Reformers' Building and offer their services, turning their hands to whatever is to be done.

One incident of last week, which attracted the attention of the local press, was the fact that one of the members of the local police force, an enthusiastic Y. M. C. A. worker, secured ten days' leave of absence from his work, and with a bicycle started in to canvass the city among his friends. When it is remembered that these hard-worked guardians of the peace are allotted but fifteen days' leave per annum, you can understand the sacrifice made by the man in question. Several instances are related of men who secured the permission of their employers to report for work two or three hours earlier than usual that they might have extra time in the afternoons and evenings to devote to the canvass. These are the things which give inspiration to those in charge of the canvass, and cause them to see success before it is achieved. A site for the building in the heart of the city had already been selected, and when your friends visit Washington for the next inauguration they will have opportunity to inspect a finely appointed Y. M. C. A. building for colored men.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
President Baird Causes a Riffle, and Captain Oyster Puts a Quiet on Mrs. Murray. Dr. Chancellor Vindicated.

The meeting of the Board of Education was interesting last Wednesday afternoon. Admiral Baird, in his usual dignified manner, called the Board to order, and Secretary Connor, who has tendered his resignation, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. The most amusing feature in the meeting was the charges of John Lissner against Dr. W. Bruce Evans. In his charges Mr. Lissner stated that he wanted Dr. Evans suspended because he had recommended the appointment of Mr. Monroe, who, he stated, drinks whiskey. The whole matter was investigated by Admiral Baird, and when the President read the report of the Collector of Taxes, which showed that Mr. Lissner had no real estate, but paid taxes on personal property to the amount of seventy dollars, it caused a great deal of merriment. Mr. Lissner stated in his communication that he was authorized by the Taxpayers Association, of which he was chairman.

Mrs. Murray held in her hand a magazine article which, she said, she desired to have investigated. Captain Oyster immediately arose and asked if she had any charges to make against anyone. She said no. He thereupon asked Dr. Chancellor if he wrote the articles referred to, and in reply he said that he never wrote them nor had he anything to do with them directly or indirectly. Mrs. Murray quickly found out that her motion was lost, but she declared that it had not been seconded and that she had withdrawn it. Other minor business was transacted, after which the Board adjourned.

The resignation of Mr. Connor was a surprise as well as a regret. The Armstrong Manual Training School matter goes over until after the death of Admiral Baird.

THE BULLETIN.

The Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor, No. 69, has reached us. It embraces in addition to wholesale prices, Kansas, Maryland, West Virginia, Belgium decisions of courts affecting labor and various State laws relating to labor.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

Dr. A. T. Braxton, a graduate of Meharry Medical College, and a prominent physician in Columbia, Tenn., died not long ago.

A woman who claims she is a princess and a cousin of the Czar of Russia was detained on board the liner Ventura at San Francisco, awaiting the decision of the immigration commission as to whether or not she is a victim of trachoma.

It was stated this week that the buildings at Jamestown are about eighty per cent. finished.

The revenue cutter Apache arrived at Washington last Monday morning and carried Assistant Secretary Edwards and other Treasury officials to the opening of the Jamestown Exposition.

The drought in San Juan, Porto Rico, is said to be affecting the sugar plantations.

Robbers broke into the tailoring establishment of Joseph J. Continetti on Thirteenth street northwest, last Sunday between two o'clock in the afternoon and seven o'clock last Monday morning, and took a blue serge suit.

The immigration commission which met in the room on the Philippines of the Senate, and was in session over three hours.

It is announced that Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, the R. W. G. Secretary of the I. O. of St. Luke, will deliver a lecture next Monday at Bethel A. M. E. Church in Baltimore.

Last Monday was the forty-third day of the trial of Dinger Hermann, who is charged with destroying thirty-five letter copybooks of the records of the Government.

Garden and Arbor Day was celebrated the first of this week by the students of Normal School No. 1 and the Franklin Public School.

Edward Saunders, colored, was arrested last Sunday, charged with furnishing liquor to minors.

The Weather Bureau in this city states this week that winter is about over.

The funeral services of Rev. Temis S. Hamlin, who died last week, were held in the Church of the Covenant, of which he was pastor, last Sunday afternoon. Dr. Hamlin was also president of the Board of Trustees at Howard University.

It is said that much comment was caused at Honolulu, Hawaii, by the announcement from the mainland that the residents of Hilo "were considering the advisability of trying to tap the live volcano of Kilauea."

A large crowd attended the services at the Cosmopolitan Temple Baptist Church, on O street, last Sunday. Rev. Drew, who is the pastor, preached in the morning and in the evening.

Last Tuesday morning, Baroness Anisia Louise de Massey, New York, who is accused of the murder of Gustav Simon, president of the Queen Waist Company, on November 19, 1906, was placed on trial for her life.

James W. Cornelius, known as the "gentleman murderer," was electrocuted at Columbus, Ohio.

It is believed that the wooden lumber barge Arcadia, which left April 12 for Two Rivers, at Manistee, Mich., with a cargo of hardwood, has been lost in Lake Michigan.

It is said that the State Federation of Labor, which was holding a session in Montgomery, Ala., last Tuesday, wired the President to explain his alleged assertion "that Haywood and Moyer, the Idaho miners, are not desirable citizens."

Red Cloud, the aged chief of the Sioux, has gone blind and is sick.

It was thought that the five runaway cars which entered the Baltimore and Ohio depot last Tuesday morning in this city would do considerable damage, but very little damage was done.

The next meeting of the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention will be held at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church May 18.

John Harding, of Franklin, Pa., has sued the detective and policeman for false arrest last September for an alleged attack on a white girl. He was never arraigned on the charge, and sued for \$5,000.

Rev. L. B. Banks, of this city, has accepted the call to be the pastor of Morris Chapel Baptist Church at Henderson, Ky.

John Temple Graves, at the Iroquois banquet, held in Chicago, stated that either Bryan should name Roosevelt or he — Roosevelt — should name Bryan. This only goes to show that this country is slowly but surely merging into a monarchy. To begin with, Mr. President or anyone else has no right to select their successors. The People, by the Ballot, decide this matter.